

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims with their status identified in parentheses:

1. (currently amended) A crimping device for crimping connectors on variable sized cables comprising:

a first crimping block having a plurality of crimping ribs for engaging a connector fitted on the end of a cable, said plurality of crimping ribs ~~integral to~~ formed of said first crimping block and having a width the same as that of said first crimping block;

a second crimping block having a plurality of crimping troughs on a surface adapted to mate with said ribs on said first crimping block, said plurality of crimping troughs on said second crimping block vary in size to accommodate different size cables;

a bolt passing through a bore on each respective end of said second crimping block into threaded bores in each respective end of said first crimping block;

whereby a connector may be attached to a cable by placing a cable and connector in a respective crimping trough and tightening down said bolts until a respective crimping rib engages a respective crimping trough crushing and securely crimping said connector on an end of said cable.

2. (original) The crimping device according to claim 1 in which said first and second crimping blocks are rectangular.
3. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 1 in which said first and second crimping blocks are approximately equal in size.
4. (currently amended) The crimping device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 in which each of said plurality of ribs each have a plateau, said ribs having a length that is approximately equal to the width of said first rectangular block.
5. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 2 in which the height of each of said plurality of ribs is selected to nearly fully engage a respective trough on said second crimping block.
6. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 1 in which said second crimping block has a plurality of crimping troughs on a surface opposite the surface adapted to mate with said first crimping blocks.
7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The crimping device according to claim [[7]] 6 in which said plurality of crimping troughs on a surface that mates with said first crimping block is equal to the number of crimping troughs on said surface opposite the surface that mates with said first crimping block, thereby doubling the total number of troughs ~~in~~ on said second crimping block.

9. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 1 in which said bores in respective ends of said second crimping block are threaded; whereby said bolts are retained when said second crimping block is separated from said first crimping block.

10. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 1 including a removable handle extending from one end of said crimping device for holding said second crimping block in position while a connector is being crimped on the end of a cable.

11. (previously canceled)

12. (original) The crimping device according to claim 10 in which said handle has a threaded shaft on one end; and said second crimping block having a threaded bore on an end for removably receiving said threaded shaft on said handle.

13. (currently amended) The crimping device according to claim ~~11~~ 9 in which said second crimping block has threaded bores on opposite ends; whereby said handle may be removably attached to either end of said crimping block.

14. (original) The crimping device according to claim 2 in which said second crimping block has flat areas on at least one end for gripping the crimping device.

15. (previously presented) The crimping device according to claim 14 in which said second crimping block is longer than said first crimping block to provide said flat areas on either end of said second crimping block; whereby said crimping device can be gripped by a hand or a clamping tool on either end of said second crimping block.